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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to compounds being esters of 5-aminolevulinic acids or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, including compounds of formula (I) $R_2^2N-CH_2COCH_2-CH_2CO-OR^1$, (wherein R^1 may represent alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyloxy, amino, aryl, oxo or fluoro groups and optionally interrupted by oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur or phosphorus atoms; and R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a group R^1 , and both R^2 groups may be the identical or different), and their use in diagnosis and phototherapy of disorders or abnormalities of external or internal surfaces of the body, and products and kits for performing the invention.

